

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M: 14-45

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic James Magruder House

other

2. Location

street and number 22525 Wildcat Road

not for publication

city, town Germantown

x vicinity

county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William W. White

street and number 22525 Wildcat Road

telephone

city, town Germantown

state MD

zip code 20876-4431

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

liber 17044

folio 686

city, town Rockville

tax map FV43

tax parcel P400

tax ID number 12-03259427

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

x Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Magruder Farmstead is located on Great Seneca Creek, accessed by a long driveway on the east side of Wildcat Road. The complex includes the original 1½ story house with additions, frame corn crib, smaller smokehouse, and a bank barn. The bank barn is located south of the house, on the opposite side of the driveway, and the two log outbuildings are due east of the house. Non-contributing buildings are a concrete block and frame garage near the house and a concrete block equipment building near the barn.

The T-shaped dwelling house faces east toward the Great Seneca Creek. The 1½ story main block is three bays by two bays with a side gable roof. The main roof extends over the full-width porch that has been partially enclosed with screening. Windows on the first level are 6/6 sash. Paired windows in both gable ends are 1/1. Each gable end has an exterior brick chimney. The north chimney was enclosed with the construction of a 1½ story north addition. The main block has a fieldstone foundation. Foundations of the front porch and north addition are concrete block.

The symmetrical main (east) façade has a central six-panel door flanked by 6/6 windows and surmounted by a four-pane transom. Siding is irregular width, ranging from over 5 inches to 10 inches wide. Boards are laid with a shallow lap and have a bottom bead.

The remaining elevations are covered with vinyl siding. East and north entrances on the north and rear additions have bracketed door hoods.

The rear addition has a shallow-pitch roof perpendicular to the main block, with an exterior end chimney on the rear (west) gable end. A sun porch on the second level extends over a recessed porch that has been enclosed. Exterior stairs and deck landing access a second level entrance on the gable end. Windows are 6/6.

A substantial log structure standing east of the dwelling appears to have been a smokehouse. The entrance of the side gable structure is on the south side. The roof has no ridge beam and has pegged rafters. The flush-board door is reinforced on the interior by beaded boards similar to those found on the front façade of the house. Vertical board siding has been applied over the log structure. A six-pane fixed window has been applied to the west gable end. The foundation is fieldstone.

North of the log outbuilding is an early 20th century frame corn crib. The single crib structure has a shed roof with exposed rafter ends. Tongue and groove siding is nailed with ventilation gaps between boards. The interior is lined with wire screening. The structure is set up on concrete block piers.

Close to the north addition of the house is a pyramidal roof outbuilding that appears to be a pumphouse.

Southwest of the house stands a long frame outbuilding that dates from the early 20th century. Covered with German (drop) siding, the structure is set on stone piers. The side gable roof has exposed rafter tails. The central front door has two plywood panels typical of the early 20th century, as is the rear door with five horizontal plywood panels. Front oversize, possibly paired, windows are covered with plywood. A single rear window is 6/6 sash. A concrete block addition was built on the north side.

To the southwest stands a gazebo. Further southeast is a concrete block garage or equipment building that is partially enclosed.

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To the southeast, across the driveway stands a barn. Newer siding of the lower east side may cover. The barn may have originally been a bank barn, characterized by a projecting forebay cantilevered over the stable side on the downhill side. The stable area appears to have been covered with the newer siding. A wagon ramp leads to the upper loft level on the uphill, west side. Equipment shed additions were constructed on the north, and more recently, south sides.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/govt
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates c1831-35

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary:

The Magruder Farm dates from the early 1800s. James Magruder, Jr. built the house, probably about the time he married Elizabeth Ann Thomas Riggs, in 1831. The Magruder and Riggs families were prominent early settlers in the area. This farmstead is highly representative of an upper middle class farm that began as a tobacco plantation and evolved into a general purpose farm under continuous family ownership. James Magruder, Jr. operated a mill on the adjacent Great Seneca Creek. The prominence of his family is documented by the nearby tributary known as Magruder's Branch.

History:

James Magruder, Jr. (1805-1875) was the son of James Magruder Sr. (1768-1823) and Elizabeth Linthicum (1775-1806). From his father, he inherited 240.5 acres, known as Lot 1, being part of Cow Pasture and Ray's Adventure.¹

James Sr (1768-1823) had owned several parcels of land (6 deeds). Part of the tract called Cow Pasture, he had acquired from Charles Greenbury Griffith, in 1791. Cow Pasture was originally patented to Henry Griffith, in 1761, containing 3,854.5 acres. The land, which cost him just over 248 pounds, was bounded by Chestnut, Red Oak, and Spanish Oak trees. In 1799, he had married Elizabeth Linthicum (1775-1806). The oldest child of Samuel Brewer Magruder and Rebecca Magruder, James Sr. grew up at Stoneyhurst (Resource #29/41), in Cabin John, a dwelling which his father, Revolutionary era Patriot, built c1767.²

James Jr. married Elizabeth Ann Thomas Riggs (1809-1891) in 1831. The daughter of Reuben and Mary W. Thomas Riggs, Elizabeth grew up at The Oaks, a plantation near Laytonsville, which encompassed, under her father's ownership, 800 acres. (Resource #23/26). According to tradition, James and Elizabeth built their house soon after their marriage. An account of his property³...

Magruder was a farmer and miller. He operated his tobacco plantation with the help of slaves. In 1841, he had 6 slaves, including two children. His livestock was valued at \$750, furniture at \$160, and plate at \$25.

¹EBP 28:399. Descendants of Alexander Magruder, Montgomery County Historical Society, pp 2-4.

²Magruder Descendants. Deeds D:670; EBP 28:399. M-NCPPC Historic Site file #29/41.

³Magruder Descendants, p3. M-NCPPC Historic Site file #23/26. Oral tradition from Janie Woodfield Payne, local historian, 1976 notes by Michael Dwyer, M-NCPPC.

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On Great Seneca Creek, which runs southeast of his house, Magruder built a sawmill on Great Seneca Creek. North of his mill, the waterway became known as Magruder's Branch.⁴

James and Elizabeth had 10 children born between 1832 and 1854. Daughter Sarah Virginia married Zachariah MacCubbin Waters and lived on Foxlair Road (Resource #14/43). James and Elizabeth are buried at Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery.⁵

After the death of James Jr. in 1875, Elizabeth inherited the farm, containing 240 1/2 acres. In his will, James specified that his two unmarried daughters Mary and Catherine, known as Kate, "were to have homes with their mother during their single life." Elizabeth died in 1891. The children then subdivided the property. Daughter Columbia Jane Magruder and her husband Edwin Waters acquired the property. He paid \$1105 for the 110 1/2 acres (Lot 3 of James Jr.'s Lot 1) including the house and outbuildings. Columbia Jane (1845-1950) had married Edwin H. Waters in 1869. In 1925, the Waters' sold the property.⁶

In a 1965 conveyance, the property was reduced to 80.43 acres. It was further reduced in 1999 to its present 5.13 acres. The parcel includes the house and outbuildings.⁷

⁴Tax Assessments for slaves: 1841, Series MSA C111-2; for livestock, furniture, plate: 1866, Series MSA C111-4; Hall of Records, Annapolis. In 1810, James Magruder [Sr] had owned 5 male and 4 female slaves (Donna Valley Russell, 1810 census, MCHS). Martenet and Bond map, 1865.

⁵Descendants of Alexander Magruder, Montgomery County Historical Society, p4.

⁶James Magruder, Jr. will, 12-29-1874 (RWC 6:84). Deed EBP 28:399. Mary Gordon Malloy & Marian W. Jacobs, **Genealogical Abstracts, Montgomery County Sentinel, 1855-1899**, MCHS, 1986, p236. Family Bible, owned by Virginia Griffith, Laytonsville, Transcript at MCHS.

⁷Deeds 3347:487 and 17044:686.

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Chain of Title

4/29/1999	William W White, from George W & C S Harding, 5.13 acres of Cow Pasture tract, P400 (17044:686) 22525 Wildcat Road
4/1965	George and Cathryn Harding bought 80.43 acres, P400? (3347:487)
1946	Don and Sarah Glassie sold house
1943	Glassies bought house
1939	Dorsey and Hilda Griffith sold house
1925	Dorsey and Hilda Griffith, from Waters et al (part of Magruder family ?), 110½ acres (388:343) Note: James Jr daughter Columbia Jane married Edwin Waters, and Sarah married Zac Mac Waters.
1892	Edwin Waters (husband of Columbia Jane?) from James Magruder attorney, \$1105 (probably James Samuel Magruder, son of James Jr, 1832-1910), Lot 3 in subdivision of Lot 1 of real estate of late James Magruder JA 33:114 Note: Elizabeth Magruder had died 1891
1883	Deed stating that James Jr. inherited Lot 1, 240.5 acres, and conveyed to his wife Elizabeth upon his death. Petition made by Zachariah L[inthicum] Magruder (oldest brother of James Jr) (EBP 28:399)
1875	James Magruder Jr died
c1823	James Magruder, Jr., 240.5 acres, being Lot 1 of land inherited from his father James Sr. Deed not recorded (per EBP 28:399)
1823	James Magruder, Sr. died
1791	Charles Greenbury Griffith to James Magruder, 152¾ acres, 248£, 4sh, 4½p D:670
1761	Henry Griffith, Cow Pasture tract, 3,854.5 acres

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Tax Assessments, Hall of Records, Annapolis Clare Cavicchi 10-2002

Book 1841-1857 (Series MSA C111-2; Location 1-19-6-8)
District 1

Account of Personal Property
1841 & 1842

James Magruder
Under 14 Male, 14-45 Female 14-46

Slaves 2 2 2

Value 200 1000 600

AmtValue
Silver Plate 16 16
Other property 457

Total 2267 (note: higher than most listed at this time)

Book 1864-1869 (Series MSA C111-4; Location 1-19-6-11)
District 2

Acres Price/Acre Amount Total

1866

James Magruder

Pt of Cow Pasture, Rays Adventure 240½ 92165

Livestock 750

Furniture 160

Plate 25

9. Major Bibliographical References

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THS Boyd, *History of Montgomery County* (1879).

Descendants of Alexander Magruder, Montgomery County Historical Society

Mary Gordon Malloy & Marian W. Jacobs, *Genealogical Abstracts, Montgomery County Sentinel, 1855-1899*, MCHS, 1986.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Clare Lise Cavicchi

organization M-NCPPC

date March 2003

street & number

telephone

city or town

state

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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4/23/02

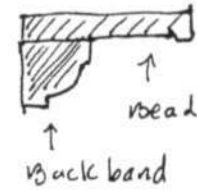
Waggruder Farm House #14-45



Centered
EAST ELEVATION

Siding: 5" to 10"
Beaded Board
either a very shallow lap
or some kind of "shiplap"
with a bottom bead.

New shingle roof

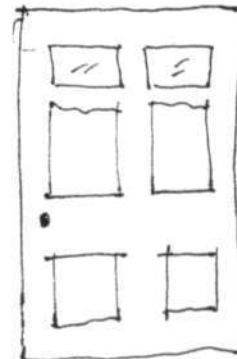


1840

N to Bloomfield

Door jamb ↑
windows too

Front
Door: 6 panel



Smallest (glazed now)
biggest
bigger smaller



259990140: Type 1 88.79 (1.5)

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IV-A

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:	Lots 400, 481, 407 470 and 394 Wildcat Road, Germantown	Meeting Date:	02/11/04
Resource:	Magruder Farm <i>Locational Atlas Resource # 14/45</i>	Report Date:	02/04/04
Review:	SUBDIVISION	Public Notice:	01/28/04
Case Number:	Pre-Preliminary Plan #7-04045	Tax Credit:	None
Applicant:	Kay White (Josh Maisel, Agent)	Staff:	Michele Naru

Proposal: Subdivide the property, creating 3 lots and an Outlot

Recommendation: Support the proposed subdivision

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the HPC support this subdivision proposal with the following condition that the environmental setting of this historic resource would be reduced to include Lot 1 and Outlot A the proposed location of the historic house, its collection of outbuildings and associated farmland. With the additional request that if the mill site is determined to be outside this boundary, the boundary will be altered to include this historic resource.

SITE DESCRIPTION

This proposal involves the parcel of land on which the *Locational Atlas* site, the Magruder Farm (Site # 14/45) is located. The current environmental setting includes Parcel 400, 481, 407, 470 and 394 on tax map FV 43, which encompasses 88.79 acres.

The Magruder Farmstead is located on Great Seneca Creek, accessed by a long driveway on the east side of Wildcat Road. The complex includes the original 1-1/2 story house with additions, a log corncrib, a log smokehouse, a bank barn, a well and a pyramidal roof outbuilding. The bank barn is located south of the house, on the opposite side of the driveway, the two log outbuildings are due east of the house, the well is located in the center of the complex, southwest of the main house and the pyramidal roof outbuilding is close to the north addition of the house. Non-contributing buildings are a concrete block and frame garage near the house and a concrete block equipment building near the barn.

The current setting possibly also contains the remains of an associated mill.

PROPOSAL:

The applicant proposes to subdivide to create 3 lots and an outlot. Lot 1 would contain the existing house and its outbuildings and would be 10.0 acres in size. The remaining acreage would be divided as follows:

Lot 2	22.0 acres
Lot 3	2.25 acres
Outlot A	56.29 acres

STAFF DISCUSSION:

The HPC sits in an advisory capacity to the Planning Board in terms of subdivisions.

The proposed subdivision and subsequent new construction will not have an adverse effect on this historic resource. Staff feels that the applicant has taken great strides in developing a proposal that is sympathetic to the historic resource and its surrounding landscape. Staff supports the proposed plan's retention of the current driveway with the proposed lot's driveways branching off the original driveway. Additionally, staff also supports the applicant's desire to retain the agricultural nature of this site by maintaining cropland on the proposed outlot. This measure will help to preserve the rural, historic character of the site. Staff recommends that the Commission support this proposed subdivision.

Additionally, the HPC does have review and approval authority over construction activities within the current environmental setting, which includes the entire parcel of land. Staff would recommend that the Commission reduce the environmental setting of this historic resource to only include Lot 1 and Outlot A, which contains the historic house and its outbuildings and associated crop land.

Finally, as per the 1973 survey, there was the remains of the historic mill site along the stream buffer. M-NCPPC's archaeologist, Dr. Jim Sorenson, will be assisting staff in locating this site in the Spring of 2004. If the site is located outside the previously designated environmental setting boundary, we ask that the boundary be altered to include this resource.

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ROAD

1801

x 592.2

WILDCAT

#14/45

Magruder House

HOUSE

CORNUCEIA

SMOKEHOUSE

GARAGE

BARN

475

450

425

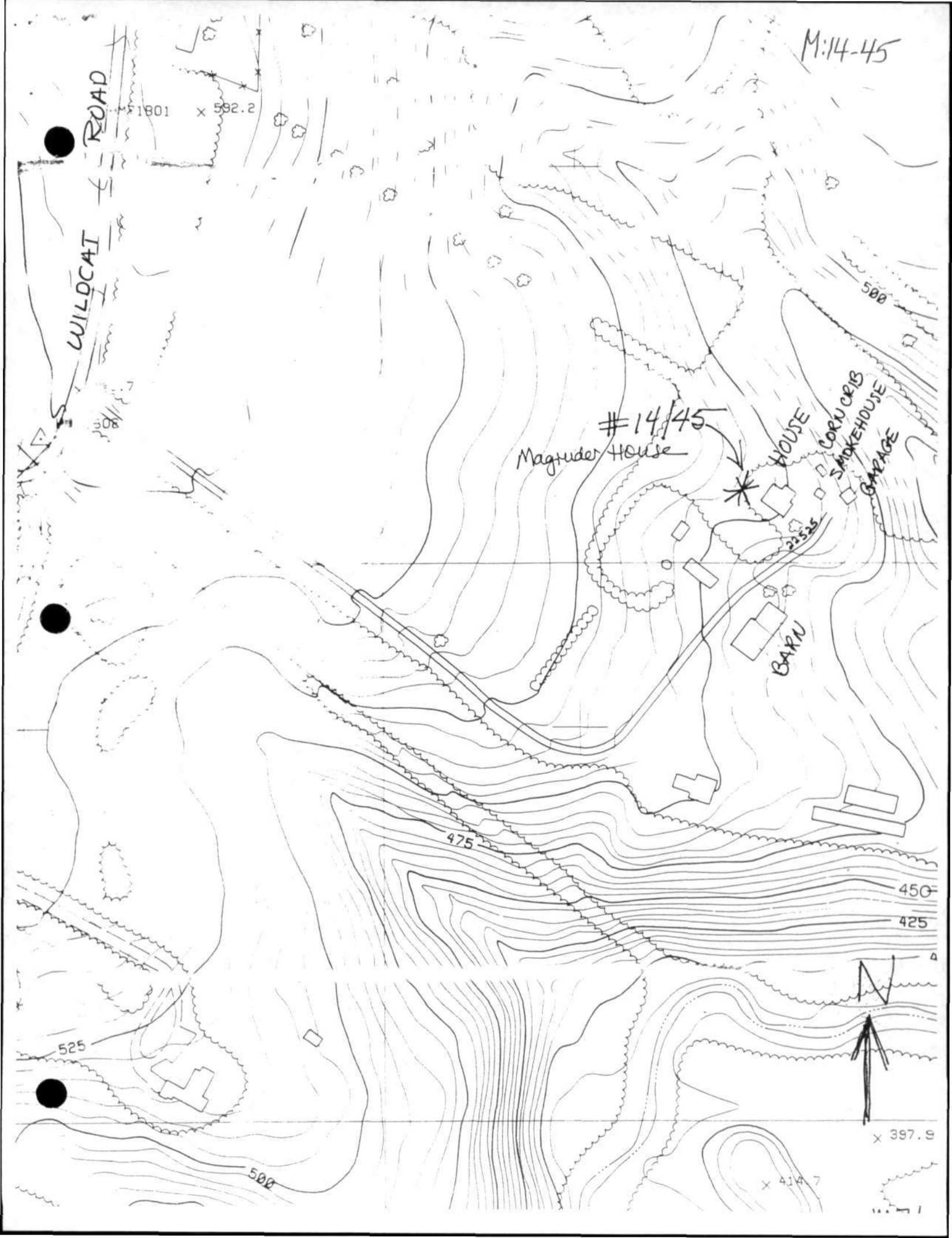
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500

x 397.9

x 414.7

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P400

WILCOAT RD

GREAT SENECA CREEK



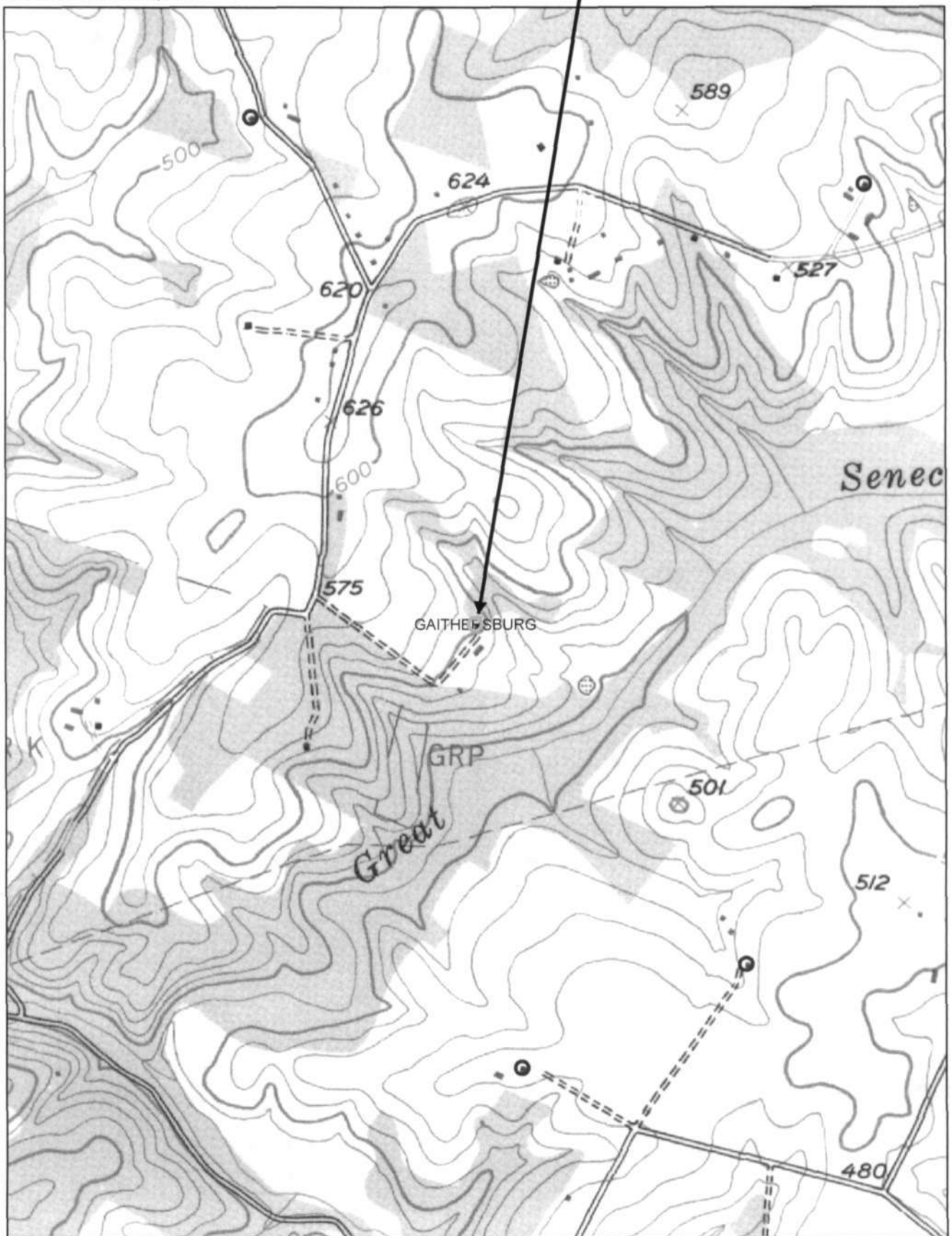
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NOTE TO FILE

Historic Sites Research and/or Photography
By Clare Lise Kelly, M-NCPPC
Formerly Clare Lise Cavicchi
301-563-3402

5-2009

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J. Magruder House
22525 Wildcat Road
Germantown, Montgomery County
Germantown Quad





M:14-45 MAGRUDER HOUSE

WILOCAT RD

FRONT SE FACADE + OUTBUILDING:

PUMP HSE (CTR) + SMOKEHOUSE (RT)

018 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

009

custom bw

16469

CLARE CAVICCHI

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M: 14-45 MAGRUDER FARM
WILDCAT ROAD
FRONT SE FACADE - DOORWAY

049 BA010ANX0N NNN 0 0065

025

custom bw

16485

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M:14-45 MAGRUDER FARM
WILDCAT RD
FRONT SE FACADE

046 BA010ANX0N NNN- 1 0065

SIDING ABOVE PORCH CEILING
RIGHT OF FRONT DOOR

023

custom bw

16483

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



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Magruder Farm

16481

custom bu

021

Clare Cavirchi

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M: 14-45 MAGRUDER FARM
WILDCAT ROAD
FRONT SE FACADE

048 BA010ANX0N NNN- 1 0065

← TOP

WINDOW LEFT OF CENTER DOOR

024

custom bw

16484

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGRUDER HOUSE

WILDCAT ROAD

FRONT SE FACADE - CENTER DOOR

044 BA010ANX0N NNN- 1 0065

← TOP

022

custom bw

16482

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGRUDER FARM
WILDCAT ROAD
FRONT SE FACADE

040 BA010ANX0N NNN- 1 0065

SIDING + WINDOW ABOVE FRONT
CENTER DOOR + ABOVE PORCH CEILING

020

custom bw

16480

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGRUDER HOUSE
WILDCAT ROAD
SW FACADE

035 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

018

custom bw

16478

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M:14-45 MAGRUDER FARM

WILDCAT ROAD

WEST CORNER - SW FACADE AT RIGHT

033 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

017

custom bw

16477

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGRUDER HOUSE
WILDCAT ROAD
NORTH CORNER - NW FACADE
AT RIGHT

031 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

016

custom bw

16476

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



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WILDCAT RD
NE FACADE

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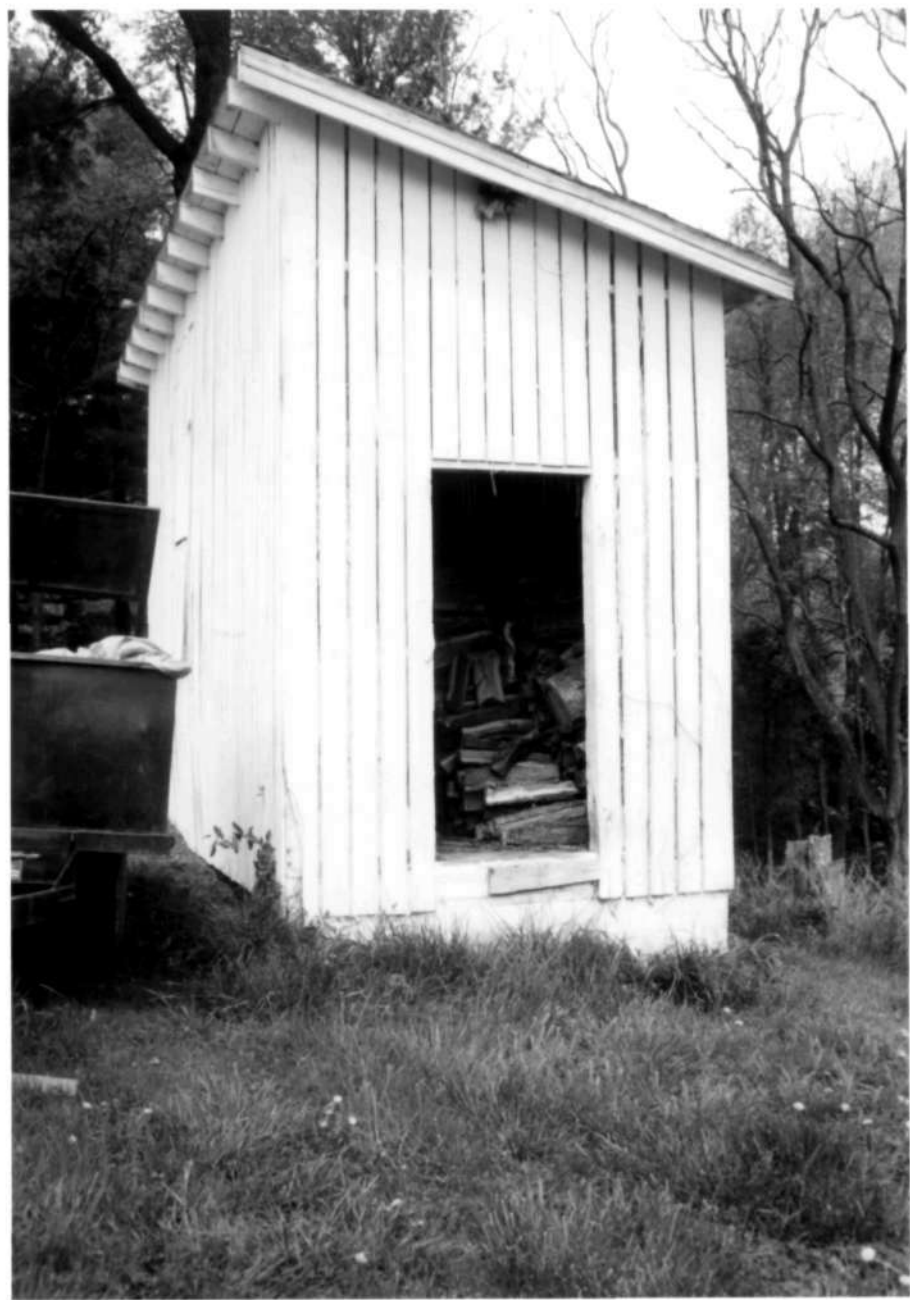
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CLARE CAVICCHI

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M:14-45 MAGRUDER HOUSE

WILDCAT ROAD

CRIB BARN NE OF DWELLING

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014

custom bw

16474

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGRUDER HOUSE
WILDCAT ROAD
CRIB BARN INTERIOR

025 BA010ANX0N NNN- 1 0065

013

custom bw

16473

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGRUDER HOUSE
WILDCAT ROAD
CRIB BARN NE FACADE

023 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

012

custom bw

16472

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGERUDER HOUSE
WILDCAT ROAD
GARAGE EAST OF DWELLING

021 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

011

custom bw

16471

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGRUDER HOUSE
WILDCAT ROAD
SMOKEHOUSE LOOKING WEST

019 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

010

custom bw

16470

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M:14-45 MAGRUDER FARM
WILDCAT ROAD
SMOKEHOUSE CEILING

015 BA010ANX0N NNN- 1 0065

008

custom bw

16468

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M:14-45 MAGRUDER FARM

WILDCAT ROAD

SMOKEHOUSE DOOR SW FACADE

014 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

007

custom bw

16467

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M; 14-45 MAGRUDER FARM
WILDCAT RD

SMOKEHOUSE - NW FACADE LEFT
+ SW ENTRANCE FACADE

011 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

006

custom bw

16466

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M: 14-45 MAGRUDER FARM
OUTBUILDING WEST OF HOUSE
ABOUT 175 ft
SE FACADE

010 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

005

custom bw

16465

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M:14-45 MAGRUDER ~~HOUS~~ FARM
WILDCAT RD
OUTBUILDING WEST OF HOUSE
NW FACADE

007 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

004

custom bw

16464

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M:14-45 MASRUDER FARM
WILDCAT ROAD
CONCRETE BLOCK BUILDING
NW OF BANK BARN

006 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

003

custom bw

16463

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002



M:14-45 MAGRUDER FARM

WILDCAT ROAD

BANK BARN

NW FACADE

003 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

002

custom bw

16462

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M:14-45 MAGRUDER FARM

WILDCAT ROAD

BANK BARN

SOUTH CORNER

002 BA010ANX0N NNN- 3 0065

001

custom bw

16461

CLARE CAVICCHI

4-23-2002

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. M. 14-45

Magi No. 1602185504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Magruder House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 22525 Wildcat Rd. ☐ not for publication

city, town Woodfield ☐ vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George W and Cathryn Harding

street & number 22525 Wildcat Rd. telephone no.: 428-0281

city, town Germantown, Md. state and zip code 20767

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 3347

street & number Rockville folio 487

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
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C. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
— prehistoric	— archeology-prehistoric	— community planning	— landscape architecture	— religion
— 1400-1499	— archeology-historic	— conservation	— law	— science
— 1500-1599	— agriculture	— economics	— literature	— sculpture
— 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	— education	— military	— social/
— 1700-1799	— art	— engineering	— music	— humanitarian
— 1800-1899	— commerce	— exploration/settlement	— philosophy	— theater
— 1900-	— communications	— industry	— politics/government	— transportation
		— invention		— other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Magruder house is an early nineteenth century rural vernacular dwelling. This style of architecture- a small one-and-a-half story dwelling with a lean-to like front and rear (the front being a porch)- was the predominate type of dwelling for the early settlers of this area. Once common to the area, most of these early dwellings were replaced by the mid to late nineteenth century homes now found here. Although this house has retained its basic form, additions and changes have been made. The original house was a story-and-a-half four room structure with two stairways and fireplace heating.¹ In the past forty years or so rooms have been added and other exterior changes, such as the rebuilding of the chimneys and the screened enclosing of the front porch, have been made. This house is, however, significant as one of the few early dwellings still standing in the area, but a more authentic example of this type structure (and one to which the Magruder house can be compared) is the Etchison-Warfield log house, site #14-3.

The Magruder house is believed to have been built about 1835 by James Magruder, a farmer and miller (with a mill on the farm property). His farm consisted of 240 1/2 acres. The dwelling remained in the family until March of 1925 when it was sold on 110 1/2 acres to Dorsey and Hilda Griffith.² The Griffiths sold the house in 1939 after which time it passed through a succession of owners. Don and Sarah Glassie, who owned the house from 1943 to 1946, added on a kitchen with a bedroom over it.³ The house was purchased by the present owners, George and Cathryn Harding, in April of 1965.⁴ The Hardings added a second story over a section of the house, and two bathrooms in 1966.⁵

¹ Conversation With George Harding, 8/83.

² Deed 388/343, Montgomery County Land Records.

³ Mont. Co. Commissioners Tax Assessment Books, 1940-46 & George Harding.

⁴ Deed 3347/487, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁵ George Harding.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:14-45

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Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assessment Books
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 80.43 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.date 9/83

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town Rockvillestate Maryland

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NOMINATION FORM
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Magruder House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 22525 Wildcat Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Woodfield				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: George W. Harding				
STREET AND NUMBER: 22525 Wildcat Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Woodfield		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Columbus

☐ 15th Century

☐ 16th Century

☐ 17th Century

☐ 18th Century

☒ 19th Century

☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☐ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

☐ Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☐ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science

☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 3/28/74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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NAME ^{M:} #14-45 J. MAGRUDER HOUSE

LOCATION WILDCAT RD., WOODFIELD, MD.

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